

# Shinasha language

**Shinasha**, also known as **Boro** (Borna, Bworo) is a North Omotic language spoken in western Ethiopia by the Shinasha people. Its speakers live in scattered areas north of the Abay River: in the Dangur, Bullen, Dibate and Wenbera districts, which are parts of the Benishangul-Gumuz Region.<sup>[3]</sup>

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Shinasha	
Boro	
Region	Ethiopia
Native speakers	37,500 (2007 census) <sup>[1]</sup>
Language family	Afro-Asiatic <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> Omotic<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>North Omotic<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Gonga<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Shinasha</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>
Dialects	Amuru <p>Wembera</p> <p>Gamila</p> <p>Guba</p>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	bwo
Glottolog	boro1277 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/boro1277">http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/boro1277</a> ) <sup>[2]</sup>

- World Atlas of Language Structures information on Shinassha ([http://wals.info/languoid/lect/wals\\_code\\_ssh](http://wals.info/languoid/lect/wals_code_ssh))
- Website maintained by the language community, with published literature, including an online dictionary (<http://www.boro-shinasha.com>)

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